THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: YVES-ANDRE CHAMPAGNE, ET AL. Serial No. 10/054,670 Filed: January 22, 2002) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) UPDATING NETWORK DEVICE) CONFIGURATION INFORMATION Art Unit: 2141) IN A NETWORK MANAGEMENT Patent Examiner:) SYSTEM Nicholas R. Taylor) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213 January 19, 2006 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, please enter the following remarks to the above-identified application as follows.